

Lincoln, Nebraska
October 08, 2004

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

The Community Corrections Council (Council) met Friday, October 8, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Members present:

Dr. Scot L. Adams
Edward C. Birkel
William Burgess
Harold W. Clark
Allen Curtis
The Honorable Karen B. Flowers
Frank E. Goodroe
Dr. Aileen Gruendel
Julie Hippen
The Honorable John P. Icenogle
Joe Kelly
Robert Lindemeier
Jim McKenzie
Senator John Synowiecki
Kenneth J. Vampola

Members absent:

Senator Kermit A. Brashear, Chair
Catherine Cook

Council staff present:

Linda Krutz, Chief
Julie A. Okray
Julie L. Rogers

Others Present:

Jim Cole
Kristin Crawford
Nanette Gingery
Nancy Hicks
Howard Kensinger
Steve King
John Krejci
Mike Overton
Jim Pieper
Barbara Thomas
Frank Velinski
Linda Wittmuss

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME & OVERVIEW

The Honorable John P. Icenogle presided as acting Chairperson, called the Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and gave an overview of the meeting. Attendance is indicated above.

SCHEDULE OF 2005 MEETINGS

The scheduling of meetings for 2005 will take place at the November 12, 2004 meeting. Council members were reminded that the November 12th meeting falls the day after a state holiday and were asked to give notice if they are not able to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 13, 2004, meeting stood approved as presented.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FEE REPORT SUMMARY

Howard Kensinger of the Legislative Fiscal Office presented and explained the Community Correction Fee Report. It was reviewed and discussed by the Council. After this meeting the model will no longer be needed because the collection of fees has been occurring for over a year.

TARGET POPULATION REPORT

The Target Population Report (Report) was presented by Mike Overton of the Crime Commission. A graph was added to the Report. The Report will continue in this form and be generated on a monthly basis.

PENDING PROPOSALS FORMAT, PROCESS & PROCEDURE

The Council reviewed Probation and Parole's Pending Proposals for the utilization of fees. Probation Administrator Ed Birkel presented additional information to the Council outlining the specific ways Probation would utilize the fees for enhanced intervention and supervision of felony drug offenders placed on probation. Parole Administrator Jim McKenzie explained the need for two intensive parole officers and one institutional officer.

FINALIZED PROBATION & PAROLE SERVICES SURVEY REPORT

Linda Krutz, Community Corrections Council Chief, gave an overview of the Probation & Parole Survey Report (Report) and explained the changes made to the draft. Council member Allen Curtis moved to approve the Report as final. The motion was seconded by Council member William Burgess and was approved unanimously. The final Report will be sent to Probation and Parole officers as well as other interested parties.

The Council recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE STANDARDIZED MODEL

Council member Dr. Aileen Gruendel and Dr. Jim Cole, acting president of the Nebraska Psychological Association, presented their concerns with the Substance Abuse Standardized Model.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORK TEAM DISCUSSION

The Council discussed the information presented by Dr. Gruendel and Dr. Cole. Council member Jim McKenzie requested Health and Human Services (HHS) Representatives Barbara Thomas and Linda Wittmuss speak on behalf of HHS, and the Council agreed. The Council will take time to understand the information presented and make any formal decisions regarding the Substance Abuse Work Team's recommendations at the November meeting.

The Council recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Ideas for possible 2005 legislation was discussed. Proposed legislation will be drafted then reviewed and debated at the November meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Frank Velinski, CEO of Caretech, Inc., spoke to the Council regarding grant programs and accessing grants through HUD and other agencies dealing with low-income individuals.

CONCLUDING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Council will be held Friday, November 12, 2004, 9:00 a.m., at Embassy Suites in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Okray